

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DAVID LOUIME,

Plaintiff,

**ORDER**

- against -

No. 23-CV-6898 (CS)

ANTHONY ANNUCCI, et al.,

Defendants.  
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This Order relates to:

*Louime v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6898

*Campbell v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6900

*Brooks v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6902

*Roque v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6906

*Scott v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6911

*Reed v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6918

*Haymon v. Annucci, et al.*, No. 23-CV-6922

Seibel, J.

Plaintiffs in each of the above-captioned cases filed motions requesting *pro bono* counsel.

The factors to be considered in ruling on an indigent litigant's request for counsel include the merits of the case, their efforts to obtain a lawyer, and their ability to gather the facts and present the case if unassisted by counsel. *See Cooper v. A. Sargenti Co.*, 877 F.2d 170, 172 (2d Cir. 1989); *Hodges v. Police Officers*, 802 F.2d 58, 60-62 (2d Cir. 1986). Of these factors, the merits are "[t]he factor which command[s] the most attention." *Cooper*, 877 F.2d at 172. Because it is too early for the Court to assess the merits in all of the above-captioned cases, Plaintiffs' motions for counsel are denied without prejudice to renewal at a later date. The Clerk of Court is

respectfully directed to terminate those pending motions in each of the above-captioned cases and to docket this Order in each of the above-captioned cases.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: February 23, 2024  
White Plains, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cathy Seibel", is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

CATHY SEIBEL, U.S.D.J.